

Further, it is respectfully noted that, as shown above, Kim relies on an inflow valve 36 to isolate the inlet at the full level of water in the storage tank and a discharging valve 40 to supply the sterilizing water to the washing tub by opening and closing the outlet. By contrast, claim 1 **only** relies on a current speed reduction member in the form of a fixed baffle – instead of a moving solenoid discharge valve 40 as in Kim – to slow the flow water through the housing.

It is well settled that there is no suggestion to modify the prior art that used a plurality of devices to arrive at an invention that only used one device. See *In re Kotzab*, 217 F.3d 1365, 55 USPQ2d 1313 (Fed. Cir. 2000). Such is on point in the present invention as recited in claim 1, as **only** the current speed reduction member in the form of a fixed baffle is needed to allow the water necessary time to be exposed to the silver members. By contrast, Kim relies on two separate valve configurations, which increase required space, maintenance requirements, and manufacturing costs in comparison with the washing machine of claim 1.

Claims 2-5 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reason.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

## CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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